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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/623,222 filed July 21, 2003 entitled "Gutter Retaining System"

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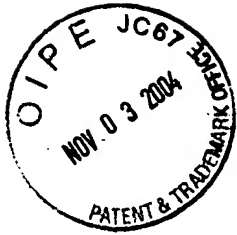
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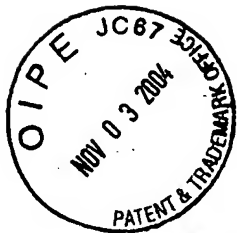
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Dear Examiner Katcheves:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office Action of September 30, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper and consideration of the appended remarks which begin on page 6 of this paper.